

Accordingly, entry and approval of the present amendments to the drawing and claims, and allowance of all pending claims are respectfully requested.

**Petition for Extension of Time**

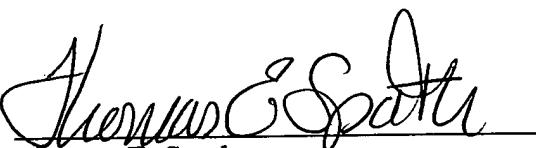
Applicant respectfully requests that a one-month extension of time from December 26, 2005 to January 26, 2006 be granted for responding to the office action. A check for the official extension fee is attached.

In case of any additional fees occasioned by the filing of the present response/amendment are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account Number 01-0035.

Respectfully submitted,

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